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## Proclamation 16-02 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Florida's seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that they live safe lives; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that every year 1 in 10 older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Leo is committed to valuing all individuals and recognizing their ongoing life achievements; and

WHEREAS, abuse of older people is a tragedy and is an ever-increasing problem that crosses all socio-economic boundaries in today's society; and

WHEREAS, combating abuse and the empowerment of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors and assist them in living as independently as possible, helping to enrich their lives and vibrancy; and

WHEREAS, seniors should be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue serving as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of society; and

WHEREAS, we are all responsible for building safer communities for Florida's seniors; and

WHEREAS, we are all required to report elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation when we are even suspicious of any activity; and


WHEREAS, the welfare of seniors is in the best interest of all citizens and further adds to the well-being of our communities;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Christmas, as Mayor of the Town of St. Leo, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2016 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and urge every citizen to take more time to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to the community.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

ATTEST:



  
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Mayor, Richard H. Christmas

  
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Town Clerk, Joan Miller, MMC

